

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1       **Claim 1 (original):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and an  
2       elongate shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head connected to the shaft by  
3       connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either  
4       substantially horizontal or substantially vertical without disconnecting the cutting head and the  
5       shaft, the shaft having a hand-grippable portion at a position remote from the cutting head, the  
6       arrangement being such that the line joining a point within the hand-grippable portion and the  
7       connection means is substantially parallel to plane of rotation of the cutter means when the cutter  
8       means is substantially vertical.

1       **Claim 2 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is such that  
2       the cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially  
3       horizontal and substantially vertical in a single movement.

1       **Claim 3 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the connection means  
2       is such that the cutter means is movable between the substantially horizontal position and the  
3       substantially vertical position by an effective rotation of the cutting head relative to the handle  
4       of 120° in one direction or 240° in the other direction.

**Claims 4-18 (cancelled).**

1       **Claim 19 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is constituted  
2       by a rotatable joint.

1       **Claim 20 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the rotatable joint is such that the  
2       cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially horizontal  
3       and substantially vertical about a single axis.

1       **Claim 21 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the axis of rotation of the rotatable  
2       joint lies substantially at 35.5° to the plane of rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially  
3       at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting head is positioned with the cutter means either  
4       substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.

1       **Claim 22 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the rotatable joint is constituted by  
2       a ball-and-socket joint.

1       **Claim 23 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 22, wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head,  
2       and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion formed at the end of the shaft  
3       remote from the hand-grippable portion.

1       **Claim 24 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 23, further comprising a motor for driving the  
2       cutter means.

1       **Claim 25 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 24, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and  
2       the drive engagement between the motor and the cutter means is a rotatable drive engagement.

1       **Claim 26 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 24, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1       **Claim 27 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 26, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1       **Claim 28 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the  
2       cutter means.

1       **Claim 29 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a wheel rotatably  
2       mounted on the cutting head.

1       **Claim 30 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 29, wherein the axis of rotation of the wheel is  
2       substantially coincident with the axis of rotation of the cutter means.

1       **Claim 31 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radius of the wheel is of the  
2       order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter means.

1       **Claim 32 (new):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for  
2       supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being adjustably mounted with respect to the shaft  
3       by connection means enabling the cutter means to be moved between substantially vertical and  
4       substantially horizontal positions by adjusting the position of the cutting head relative to the  
5       shaft by an effective rotation of 120° in one direction or 240° in the other direction.

1       **Claim 33 (new):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for  
2       supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being rotatably mounted with respect to the shaft  
3       by means of a rotatable joint whose axis of rotation lies substantially at 35.5° to the plane of  
4       rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting  
5       head is positioned with the cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.